GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:957
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2007
CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNEL IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
Dhumal Prof. Prem Kumar

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of construction work of the tunnel which provide an all-weather road to district Lahul of Himachal Pradesh through Rohtang Pass near Manali Tehsil of Kullu District in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the expenditure proposed for this year and the expenditure already incurred till date and the total expenditure likely to be incurred for the construction of the said tunnel; and

(c) the time by which construction work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Proposal for construction of 8.82 Km Tunnel at Rohtang alongwith approach roads and alternative road to Leh via Darcha-Padam-Nimu has been approved by the Government on 6.9.2005.A consultant has been appointed for design and advisory service for construction of Rohtang Tunnel. BRO have now finalized the list of firms to whom Tender papers for construction of Tunnel are to be issued.

(b) Out of the total approved cost of the project at Rs.1355.82 crores, an expenditure of Rs.106.23 crores has been incurred up to March 2007. During financial year 2007-2008, provision of Rs.55.73 crores has been made.

(c) The work is expected to be completed by 2013-2014.